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DECLARATION OF THE U.S. EMBASSY ON THE SITUATION IN GUINEA BISSAU

U.S. reaffirms the designation of Jose Americo Bubo Na Tchuto and Papa Ibraima Camara as drug kingpins

The United States has great respect for the people of Guinea-Bissau and will continue to help them and their government achieve peace and stability. To that end, the U.S. will continue to cooperate with Guinea-Bissau in its fight against drug trafficking, which threatens the region's stability and that of its international partners.

In light of events in Guinea-Bissau over the past several months, particularly the appointments of Antonio Indjai as Armed Forces Chief of Staff and José Américo Bubo Na Tchuto as Chief of Staff of the Navy, the Embassy of the United States of America reiterates its long-standing concern that actions by the military undermine the constitution and weaken the rule of law in Guinea-Bissau. Their actions have obstructed good governance, the development of democratic institutions and the all-important effort to reform the security sector. The United States reaffirms the designation by the U.S. Treasury of Jose Americo Bubo Na Tchuto and Papa Ibraima Camara as drug kingpins. This April 8, 2010 designation is well warranted.

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